

## Abstract

2 A method and apparatus for displaying help screen information for  
3 measurement devices. The invention includes a measurement device for generating  
4 measurement information, and a display coupled with the measurement device for  
5 displaying the measurement information. A control panel has a plurality of keys  
6 each coupled with the measurement device for controlling a respective operation of  
7 the measurement device.

8 A timer is coupled with the control panel for sensing duration of key activation during  
9 which a user activates any of the keys of the control panel. A controller is coupled  
10 with the display for displaying help screen information in context of the respective  
11 operation of the measurement device in response to each key activation, when the  
12 duration of key activation is greater than a predetermined amount of time.

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